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Eight Presidential Fellowships Announced

by Renée Novy
Staff Writer

Eight graduate students have achieved the Presidential Graduate Fellowships for the 1998-1999 academic year.

Two of the awards go to UNO graduate students, one of whom is a Ph.D. candidate; the other a candidate for a masters of arts degree. Another two have been awarded to Ph.D. candidates at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

Four of the fellowships winners are Ph.D. candidates at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. The UNO master's degree stipend is \$9,000 and the Ph.D. stipend is \$12,000. UNMC fellowships level is \$12,000. The UNL fellowships carry a stipend of \$15,500.

The graduate students from UNO who have won fellowships are:

- William Wells is a Ph.D. candidate in criminal justice. His research centers on issues related to violent crime, including gang violence. Some of his research includes work completed with the Omaha and Lincoln Police departments. Wells has studied the juvenile justice system and juvenile correctional institutions. His work also includes the impact of citizen feedback on the behavior of police officers. Wells holds a bachelor's degree from Ohio University and a master's in criminal justice from Indiana University.

- Lauren Shapiro is a master's degree candidate in geography. Her research interest

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Mavs Find Home In CCHA in 1999-2000

by Andy Nordmeier
Senior Staff Writer

One of the goals of the Mav hockey team was to get established into a conference. The red light went on and the band started playing the fight song late Wednesday afternoon when the Mavs scored membership in the Central Collegiate Hockey Association (CCHA).

"This is a highlight in the career of the institution," Athletic Director Bob Danenhauer said Thursday.

The Mavs will begin play

in the CCHA in the 1999-2000 season and are eligible for the playoffs at the end of that season. They will join Notre Dame, Michigan, Ohio State, Michigan State, Miami of Ohio, Bowling Green, Lake Superior State, Western Michigan, Northern Michigan, Alaska-Fairbanks and Ferris State as members of the CCHA.

"There's no doubt it's a very strong and powerful conference and we're going to have to play well to be successful," Danenhauer said.

CCHA membership has its benefits for the Mavs. The league has a television package with Fox Sports Net that consisted of 16

regular season games and four play-off games. The Mavs will also have easier scheduling and the opportunity to land better recruits now that they are in a conference. There's also the added ease of scheduling games in the second half of the season against conference foes.

"We were prepared to react," CCHA Commissioner Tom Anastos said in a phone interview Thursday morning, "we didn't see any benefit to putting it off (the vote)."

With the exception of the three Mav seniors, goaltender Jason Mitchell, defenders Colin Strom and Christian Graham, all the Mavs will be gunning for their

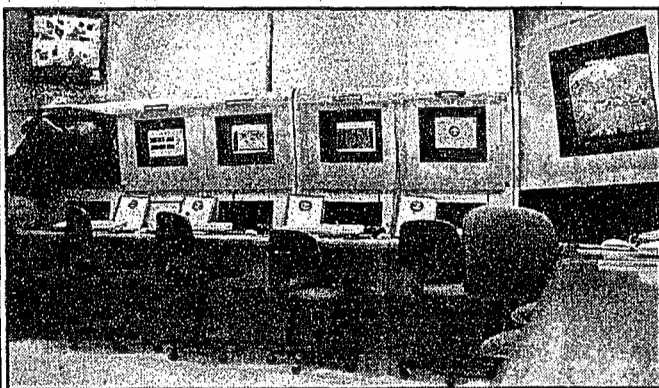
first conference championship.

"I think people around here will enjoy it," freshman forward Mike Hanson said. "The CCHA is going to be unbelievable."

The Mavs will get a taste of the CCHA this season, when they lock up with Michigan State, Bowling Green and Alaska-Fairbanks this season. As of press time, the Mavs were still finalizing the rest of the 1998-99 schedule. The season will start Oct. 16 and 17 when Maine comes to the Civic Auditorium.

"We're excited to welcome them," Anastos said, "and we look forward to the partnership."

The Truth is Out There: NASA's Hideaway in Kayser Hall



The mock shuttle control room located in the basement of Kayser Hall.

by Dana Nelsen
Staff Writer

Children often dream of being an astronaut, but few truly understand what NASA is doing up there. Until now.

With the creation of the Consortium for the Application of Space Data to Education (CASDE), space technology and information are now accessible and more eas-

ily understandable to students of all ages. First hand information on astronauts, the space shuttle, probes and satellites can now be used in education. Skills such as mathematics, science, geography, history, and many other classroom subject areas are being developed through use of an interactive learning environment, utilizing data

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UNO, Metro Announce Credit Transfer Program

by Wendy Townley
News Editor

UNO, in conjunction with Metropolitan Community College, announced today the hosting of a new credit transfer program for students in computer technology.

The announcement was scheduled to take place this morning at the site of the College of Information Science and Technology.

This agreement involves the Associate of Applied Science degree in Computer Technology Transfer: Computer Science and Management Information Systems (MIS) at Metro.

The agreement signed today states that if a student has successfully completed this degree, UNO and Metro agree that the student:

- Will be allowed en-

trance into the junior class in Computer Science or MIS within IS&T and to transfer the maximum allowable credit earned

- Will be allowed to complete all additional UNO courses set forth through programs options in the most current undergraduate catalog

- Will receive the bachelor of science degree in Computer Science or MIS from UNO upon the successful completion of all degree requirements of IS&T

A credit transfer program between Metro and UNO exists in the College of Business Administration, the College of Fine Arts, the College of Arts and Sciences, the Criminal Justice program in the College of Public Affairs and Community Service and the Pre-aviation program.

Buscher Returns as Innes Departs

by Andy Nordmeier
Senior Staff Writer

The Lady Mavs officially welcomed Paula Buscher back to Omaha Monday-the first official day as the head women's basketball coach.

"I'm very excited to come back," Buscher said Monday.

Buscher was an assistant under Cherri Mankenberg for eight seasons before she resigned after the 1997-98 season to take the associate athletic director's

position.

Buscher came back to UNO after a season as head coach at conference rival Mankato State University (MSU). In her lone season, she took an MSU squad that was 7-20 and coached them to a 17-11 mark this past season.

The task that stands before her is trying to duplicate that feat with a Lady Mav team that went 10-17 last year with a 14-game losing skid. Buscher said at Mankato it was a "matter of defense and work ethic" that helped

turn the team around.

The turnaround had to be put on hold when assistant coach Darla Innes resigned from the Lady Mavs Wednesday to take the head coaching job at Michigan Tech, her alma mater.

The position opened when Kevin Borseth, Innes' coach at Michigan Tech, left to take the head coach's job at University of Wisconsin-Green Bay.

"It's a program that I'm familiar with," Innes said, "and I know what it takes to be success-

ful up there."

Innes was an assistant for two seasons under Mankenberg.

"We hate losing her (Innes), but that's progress," Mankenberg said, "I knew as soon as their head coach at Wisconsin-Green Bay left that Darla would be a top candidate."

Mankenberg also noted that the search for a new assistant is underway and will be completed as soon as possible to help with recruiting players which begins tomorrow.

Local M.D. Honored

by Heather Clark
Staff Writer

"It's all about education. Not lectures and books. Here we do something that is not often done - we deal with global issues and our students are involved in world-class research."

— Dr. Howard Gendelman

Howard E. Gendelman M.D., director of the Center for Neurovirology and Neurodegenerative Diseases, has been named the David T. Purtilo Distinguished Professor of Pathology and Microbiology at the University of Nebraska Medical Center.

But that's not what is important to him.

No matter what accolades come his way, he attributes much of his success to the environment he works in, and he wants to foster that same environment for future generations.

Enter the University of Nebraska's intern program.

Although it is a university program, Dr. Gendelman does his own recruiting. He scouts high schools and universities searching for gifted students who aspire for a future in medicine.

"It's all about education. Not lectures and books. Here we do something that is not often done - we deal with global issues and our students are involved in world-class research," Dr. Gendelman said.

The students involved in this intern program do things they would do nowhere else. They are involved in clinical as well as research and education aspects of science. They accompany physicians on their rounds. Each student has a summer thesis for which they are responsible for their own findings and hands-on research. Dr. Gendelman has found students benefit from other students, and acting as a mentor is strongly encouraged among the staff. He also stresses the importance of learning to function as a group, rather than as individuals.

As health care rapidly changes, scientists scramble to secure grants, and doctors are forced to see more patients. Gendelman stresses that doctors need to learn to be great scientists and educators as well as doctors, in order to best serve the needs of patients. He would like to instill these values in new generations of doctors and scientists. He maintains that people too often get caught up with reaching goals. He says you must enjoy the journey as well, in your search for the truth. "My goal is to affect future generations, to show them what can be achieved. Achievement is only limited by dreams," Gendelman said.

He knows about achievement.

Gendelman helped make medical history in 1997 by reversing HIV dementia in a patient. This is the first time it was done. He has received numerous honors and awards and has authored more than 140 publications, but he still feels he can't change the world.

"I can only help others reach their potential," he said.

Grucci Puts Bang Into July 4

by Andy Nordmeier
Senior Staff Writer

What do 33 miles of wire, 50 tons of sand and enough lumber to side two one-family homes have to do with Omaha? They are a few of the materials needed by Fireworks by Grucci, "America's First Family of Fireworks", to put on Saturday night's Fourth of July fireworks show at Rosenblatt Stadium.

Grucci has been the premier name in fireworks as they have put on shows at five consecutive presidential inaugurations, two Olympic games (1980 and 1984) and the Statue of Liberty centennial to name a few of their world-class shows.

This year's 26-minute show will feature all kinds of music from Bruce Springsteen to Celine Dion to Shania Twain. Betsy Reece of the *Omaha World-Herald's* public relations department noted the music was selected in March and Grucci designed the show around the playlist.

Now with the music in place, the shells are what put spectators in awe. They come in all sizes from three inches to 12 feet in diameter and weigh up to 200 pounds. The shells will be launched out of up to 20 battery formations. There will also be letter and number shells in the show, but nobody knew what they will be used for. About 27 hours were needed to choreograph the music with the fireworks.

Shells explode in six colors which come from chemicals and stars inside the shell. The colors in the "firework rainbow" are red (from strontium compounds), white (from titanium and aluminum), blue (from copper compounds), green (from barium nitrates), yellow (from sodium oxalate) and gold (from steel and charcoal). They also take one of five forms (the palm tree, willow, split comet, symmetrical chrysanthemum or the salute).

Mike Mashanic, director of media relations for the Omaha Royals, noted the team averaged about a franchise-best 6,700 fans per game last year but the fireworks have pushed that number as high as an estimated 24,500 for this game. Nicki McManital in the Royals' ticket office said there were "about 2,000

seats left in the left field bleachers" as of Friday morning.

In addition to the fans in the stadium, the crowd could be "175,000 including those on the river and outside the stadium," Reece said.

The cost of this year's world-class show is \$100,000 for the fireworks alone. There also additional costs in permits, accommodations and other expenses which push the cost higher.

The show will "air" after Saturday's baseball game between the Omaha Royals and the Edmonton Trappers. Game time is 7:05 p.m.

The game will be televised locally on KMTV-3 in Omaha and statewide on Nebraska Educational Television (NETV).

Christensen Named Acting Dean

Effective July 1, John Christensen, chair of the department of special education and communication disorders, will serve as acting dean for the College of Education. Christensen temporarily replaces Dean Richard Flynn.

Flynn was recently appointed an interim presidency of Peru State College.

Christensen has been a UNO faculty member for 20 years and has served as chair of special education and communication disorders for the past 10 years.

Christensen acts as a consultant/evaluator for the Commission on Institutions of Higher Education/North Central Association of Colleges and Schools, as well as the community representative for Boys Town National Research Hospital and Father Flanagan's Boy's Home Human Rights Research Review Committee.

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is in the effects of lead contamination in soils using Belize City, Belize as the site for her thesis study. Currently under contract with the Environmental Protection Agency and the Douglas County Health Department, she's taking part in mapping the occurrence of elevated levels of lead in the blood of children who have been exposed to contamination. She earned her bachelor's degree from the University of South Florida.

The graduate students from

UNMC are: Michelle Kingsley-Kallesen, a Ph.D. candidate in pathology and microbiology and Thomas J. Spady, a Ph.D. candidate in Biochemistry and Molecular Biology.

The award winners from UNL include Timothy D. Pippert, a Ph.D. candidate in sociology, Thor. A. Wagstrom a Ph.D. candidate in history, Fuming Zheng, a Ph.D. candidate in human resources and family sciences and Mary F. Sully de Luque, a Ph.D. candidate in business.

Gateway Correction

The June 23 issue of the *Gateway* incorrectly identified Chris Reed as vice chancellor for research and dean for graduate studies. Reed has been named the associate vice chancellor for research and dean for graduate studies.

Also, the price of tuition for graduate studies will increase to \$94.25, not \$94.15, as stated in "Regents Hike Tuition Up 5.5 Percent."

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Mehendi Latest Craze In Body Art

by Helen Evans
Staff Writer

Decorating the body by piercings, tattoos, mehendi and other creative forms of body art, has recently been growing in popularity, however, this is no creation of the present.

"Body piercing has been around since ancient African, Greek and Roman times," said Monty Vogel, owner of Body Mods, a tattooing and body piercing business in Omaha. "In Egypt, only royalty were allowed to receive navel piercings, but it was common to see facial piercings on their followers."

Today, it is fashionable for individuals to get facial piercings including the eyebrow, tongue, lip, nostril, and even nasal septum, the thin membrane connecting the nose to the ridge just above the upper lip. Piercings are also being done to the pectoral area, neck, navel and genitalia.

Each individual's tolerance for pain varies, as does the degree of pain, depending on where the body piercing is done.

"When I got my eyebrow pierced, it only hurt for just a couple of minutes; then the pain was pretty much gone," said Holly Turner, a receptionist at one

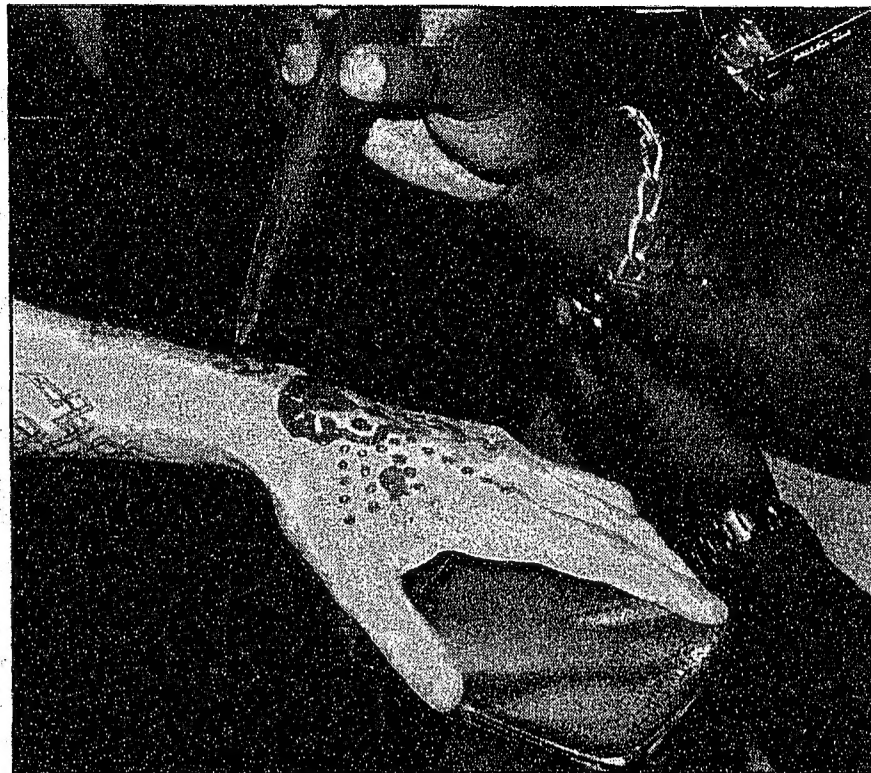


photo by Steve Houlton

A tattoo artist applies a design to a patron using henna, a crushed herb added to water and sugar. The design is temporary and will last just a few weeks.

of Omaha's Department of Motor Vehicles centers. "Unfortunately, I cannot wear my eyebrow ring to work, so I have to put a small piece of transparent fishing line in it until I get off of work." Most of the tattooing and body pierce-

ing studios in the Omaha area, including Body Mods and Villain's Tattooing and Body Piercing Studio accept walk-ins rather than requiring their customers to make an appointment.

"Our clients must be age eighteen or older or have parental consent in order to get serviced," said Lee Meyer, a sales associate at Villain's Tattooing and Body Piercing Studio. "We do not perform any of the surface body piercings such as the neck or the back and we do have a screening process for those who want to get below-the-belt piercings," said Meyer.

With this surge in the popularity of body piercing comes certain safety concerns.

"The worst thing anyone can do is

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Staff Honors

Deborah Koehler Honored As Employee of the Month For June

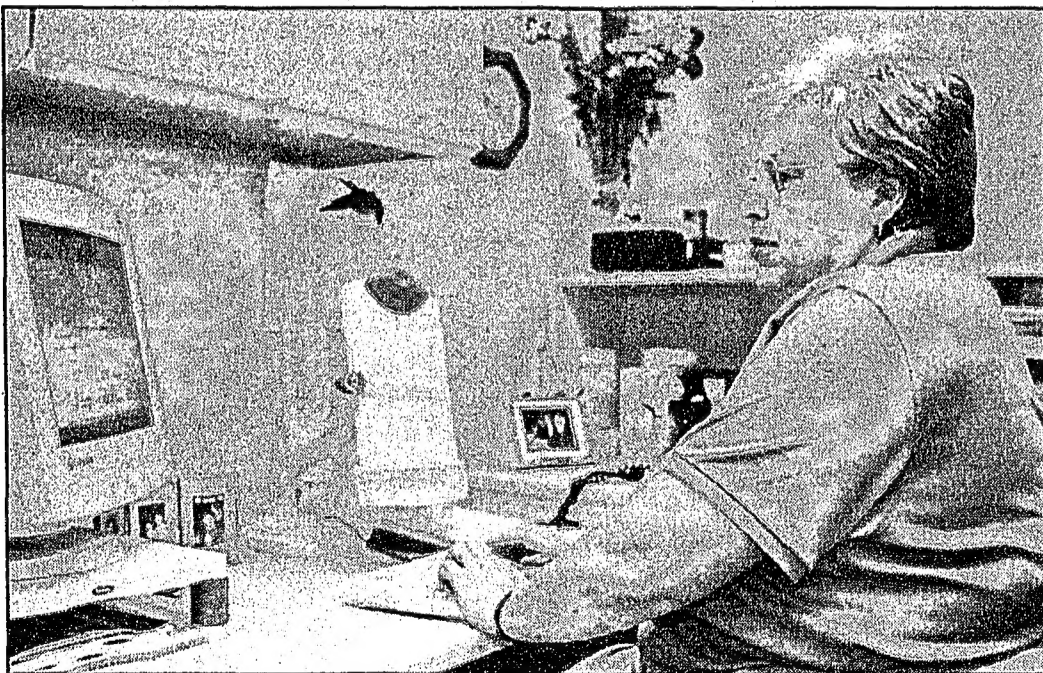


photo by Chris Machian

by Helen Evans
Staff Writer

Deborah Koehler, staff secretary in the College of Education, has been selected as UNO's June Employee of the Month.

Koehler received outstanding nominations from people in her department, as well as from across the UNO campus.

"I didn't even know I had been nominated and my department did such a good job at keeping it from me," Koehler said. "When I walked into my office, after returning from a trip, I found the letter from the chancellor's office on my desk. I was so surprised."

As a staff secretary, Deborah is responsible for various duties including data entry, work processing, computing and other daily functions that require her to work closely with students, staff and faculty.

Koehler feels the commendation has generated a

lot of pride in the College of Education.

"I've received calls from many people in the college congratulating me," Koehler said. "Someone even mentioned that the secretaries in this department were especially pleased to see someone they knew be honored."

"The secretaries and the faculty had a celebration for her. We are very pleased to see someone from our department receive this recognition," said, Lynda McGraw, a fellow staff member in the College of Education.

John Christensen, Koehler's supervisor and chairperson for the department of special education and communication disorders, feels she deserves this recognition and will wear the label well. "I really think it's important for people to know that those of us in the college find this recognition for staff is very important," Christensen said.

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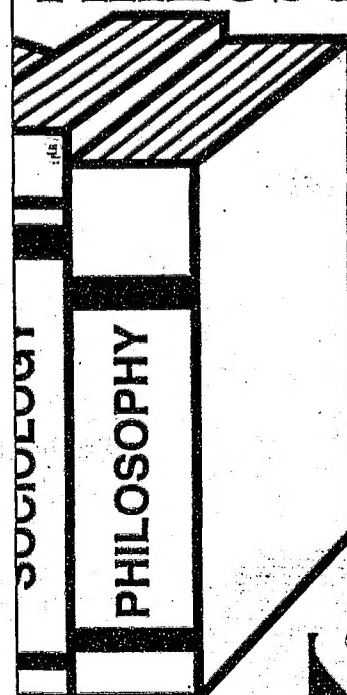
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GatewayOpinion

Get a Grip on What's Real



If you're like me, (and believe me, you're not) you eat a lot of cereal because you're too lazy to cook. And thank god for dried grains in milk, otherwise I'd probably just wash down burgers, fries, pizza, greasy chicken, tacos, and pork rinds with diet coke like the rest of you brainwashed, TV-watching, fast-food drones populating America. Not that I don't, on occasion, get the urge to bite into a nice, fat patty of minced up hide that the leather factories won't make into cheap luggage. Who doesn't? Hell, put it between a bun, cover it with ketchup and pickles and most people would eat a fresh turd. We're Americans. Quantity before quality, that's our motto.

I don't have a favorite cereal, so usually I switch week to week. Right now my cupboard contains a 21-ounce box of Cinnamon Life, a 20-ounce box of Team Cheerios, and an 18-ounce box of Grape-nuts Flakes.

The front of the Cinnamon Life box has a picture of a little girl with a white bow in her hair and says, "Hi! I'm the new 'Mikey.'" Now, I'm no advertising guru, but the old Mikey didn't give me much of an appetite and this new Mikey looks to me like a little brat who's gotten everything she's ever wanted for Christmas. Her hair is perfect, her clothes are perfect, her skin is perfect and her teeth are perfect. She's

the kind of girl you don't leave alone in public for more time than it would take Big Blue to checkmate Pamela Lee as she suffers PMS, a bad hair day, and a migraine all at the same time.

If I were working for Quaker Oats Company and in charge of this "new Mikey" campaign, I'd fly over to some refugee camp just outside the borders of former Yugoslavia or to some shanty in the middle of an African desert to find my "Mikey."

As far as I'm concerned the box could be all white with the word "cereal" across the top and the UPC on the bottom, but if you're going to go through all the trouble to design the damn thing, at least enlighten me, entertain me, something.

That poor, bloated bastard would shovel Life down his throat faster than they could pour the milk. Who needs fake enthusiasm from an upper-middle-class starlet when we can have honest-to-god starvation from a kid with scars inside and out? No one shows emotion like a kid who dodges mortar shells or spends the day digging a well using a rusty spade with a broken handle. How about an Indonesian Nike high-top seamstress with fingers so swelled and cracked you can roll a marble through the grooves in her skin? I bet she'd kill to be the "new Mikey". Literally.

As far as I'm concerned the box could

be all white with the word "cereal" across the top and the UPC on the bottom, but if you're going to go through all the trouble to design the damn thing, at least enlighten me, entertain me, something. Only parents with ugly children and low-grade pedophiles want to see a cute little kid on the front of a cereal box. This is America, damn it. You can sell any old crap if you just put your mind to it. Steal some business from Micky Dee's, Hardon's, Murder King and all the rest. People are suckers. They'll buy anything.

Put Playmate of the Year Karen McDougal on a box of Wheaties. Tap into that Goth market by coloring the Fruit Loops boxes black and putting Marilyn Manson on the front. Frank Sinatra memorial Frosted Mini Wheats for old farts. Put meat chunks into Lucky Charms for those carnivores who need a hunk of animal with every meal. Stick Newt Gingrich on a box of Bran Flakes and watch the hard-core conservatives clear the shelf. Put Jesus on a bag of granola and those church-going types will be making trail mix like there's no tomorrow.

Screw beanie babies. Kids these days like guns. If you want to get their attention, put free ammunition at the bottom of every box. Bran Muffins? Bah. Fill a box with sugar and a chocolate-flavored laxative and call it "Blow Hard". (Catchy, huh?) Now, that's an idea for kids and constipated adults alike. Ed McMahon can do the commercials with Bette Midler singing "Wind Beneath My Wings" in the background. Toilets will flush, sewers will flow, and people will face the day with empty bowels and a smile on their face.

Get out there and sell, boys. Make 'em think they want it long enough to buy it.

Tobacco Bill Up In Smoke



Once again we have the Republicans to thank for destroying a perfectly legitimate piece of legislation, the McCain Tobacco Bill.

Earlier this month, the Republican controlled Congress killed the bill and blamed it on the Democrats. I don't see how the Republicans can blame the Democrats, when Republicans controlled by tobacco money killed the bill?

The piece of legislation, written by Sen. John McCain, an intelligent and patriotic Republican from Arizona, would have raised \$516 billion over the next 25 years from higher cigarette taxes. The bill would have also increased regulation, liability and fought teen smoking. However, a bill that helps the American people, and hurts the tobacco companies and big business, is not a bill Republicans will support.

Face it, the Republicans killed this bill by adding tons of write-ons and amendments to it for two reasons, money and ego.

First of all, what makes the world go round? Money. For years tobacco companies have had some of the strongest lobbying groups in Washington. During that time more and more politicians, typically the good-ole' boy Republican redneck types, have been bought by these companies.

Tobacco companies only have open their mouths, and the bribery begins. "Hey. Don't support any legislation that hurts us, and there's \$500,000 it for ya."

For years Republicans have been more than willing to be under the control of these conglomerates. "Oh sure. But can you make it \$600,000?"

But Republicans say money was not a big issue, taxes were the issue. What narrow-minded Republicans fail to realize is that the only people getting punished, or taxed, by this bill are smokers. The average American who respects their health and the health of others is not being forced to pay more taxes, unless they start smoking, which would be the stupidest mistake in their lives.

The second reason Republicans killed this bill is pure ego. Since Clinton was elected president, Democratic legislation, which has been beneficial for the US, has flowed through Congress: a balanced budget, a chemical-weapons treaty and a reformed welfare system.

Unfortunately, by supporting Clinton's plans, some Republicans have been called compromisers. GASP!! Republicans known as compromisers and not leaders? But can't compromisers also be leaders? Republicans don't think so, in order for their egos to be maintained and not become impotent, they must be in control. That's why they killed the bill. Republicans wanted to show who was in control, but they're not.

They still don't have the White House, and they don't have a viable presidential candidate for the 2000 election. Further, their ignorance and redneck mentalities toward this bill will cost them in local and state elections in 2000. Who knows, maybe the "Democrats" will regain control of Congress, and finally return "Democracy" to the US.

Book Review:

"Fast Fiction: Creating Fiction in Five"

by Thuy Tran
Reviewer



"Fast Fiction: Creating Fiction in Five Minutes" by Roberta Allen gives one simple rule for fiction writers, select one of the 300 prompts or ideas she gives and write for five minutes.

I am sure that, for most of us, the thought of writing a novel is as daunting as getting our tonsils removed. For me, it's usually after the first two lines that my astute inner voice whispers, "How can you possibly write 300 pages of a coherent story when you don't even have two lines of coherent thought?" That's how the idea of short stories came to me. Not just short, but short "short" stories — the ones that fit nicely onto one sheet of paper and readers can finish in five minutes.

And for those of you wondering who writes like that and why doesn't my English professor require those texts, let me just give you one name: Anton Chekhov. His use of dialogue for char-

acter and plot development is still taught in many creative writing classes, yet he remains penetrative and brief. Yes, brief. Furthermore, his works are conveniently collected in one compact and affordable anthology, so go ahead and hint this to your professor.

But the thing about Chekhov and any other short or short short story writers is that they make it look so darn easy. That's what Roberta Allen's "Fast Fiction: Creating Fiction in Five Minutes" is all about: simplicity. She knows many of us have a strong desire or urge to write, but she also knows some of us are still thinking about our laundry when we sit down to do so. Consequently, Allen has devised a super simple method to approach fiction writing: set a timer for five minutes, select one of the prompts or ideas she gives in the book (there are more than 300 of them) and write until the five minutes are up. By forcing a fixed subject on you (e.g. write a story about a lie, write a story about a coward) you learn to focus and write spontaneously. More importantly, you learn to ignore that inner critic who seems to bring doom to many writers.

Allen's philosophy of writing is also simple. She claims writing is energy and "energy is more important than skill." This energy, regardless of whether you find it in a phrase or a sentence, is energy because it

moves or excites you. As Allen asserts, the craft of writing can be learned, but energy, "kindled by desire" is the "spirit" of the fiction, thus it needs to be felt and nurtured.

Yet the one idea I find particularly encouraging is that she urges us to start off "stupid." As Allen says, "the more stupid you can be, the better." Whether you are a journalist, an English instructor, or a published poet, you should start off as a beginner. Allen claims a beginner is not someone lacking in experience, expertise, or success; rather, a beginner is someone willing to be open and make fresh starts. Therefore, the writer's first responsibility is to stand aside, to step aside from the rational, logical mind so the creative mind can be free to roam, discover, and feel.

Allen demonstrates the possibilities and the power of these "intense fictions" with a variety of published shorts, including the classics of Anton Chekhov to the contemporary works of Joyce Carol Oates. Allen also gives us suggestions on revising, from conflict development to tone and rhythm, and shows us how to expand these short shorts into longer pieces. Guiding us one step at a time, her approach is innovative, helpful and fun. No longer can the inner critic or the blank page terrorize us.

Letters to the Editor

Dear Editor:

In Response to Curt Meyer's "Wedding Singer" column

Everyone, including you, is entitled to their unique perceptions of what a wedding should or should not be. Yours was certainly the most unique that we have ever come across. I am getting married August 22nd to my high school sweetheart (we're now 25) and our idea of marriage has led to no criticisms on our part. We know that we will be legally bound, which is more of a societal issue. However, our formal union, along with our families, leads to a mutual understanding, trust, and support of one another.

The furthest issue from our minds was the contribution to the national debt. Weddings can be fun, especially the big party. God knows I have professionally photographed my share. Maybe the next time you are encouraged to participate in one of these extravaganzas, you could take out a loan and boast at the idea that you can be more like us, just for one day!

In Good Humor,
Angela Boltinghouse
Audio Visual photographer

Dear Editor,

If the aim of the University Regents is to destroy education it took a great step forward the other day in terminating the tenure of a university professor — see the piddling little notice of the action in both the newspaper and the student paper at UNO. It appears that the Regents don't like the way Professor Gordon Becker teaches.

If there is anything sacred in a secular society it is university tenure: It ranks up there with the Bill of Rights and the President's oath of office as being something that cannot be frivolously tinkered. I do not exaggerate.

We complain about the quality of public school education — where do our teachers come from? Shall we forget quality of education and concentrate instead on methods of instruction? If a group elegantly called the "Regents," whose responsibility for the university is to set overall policy and administer it, can reach down (or "up") into the classroom and tell a tenured professor WHAT he can teach in his field of special qualification.

Does anyone know or care in Nebraska what "tenure" means? It means absolute freedom to teach the truth as he understands it. He doesn't have to teach it as someone else understands it, be it God Himself or even a Board of Regents. It means he doesn't even have to be a gentleman about how he teaches it (although it would be nice if he were; perhaps his col-

leagues should have thought of this before the granted him tenure.)

I can't find out from the papers just what Professor Becker is accused of having done. It should be the responsibility of the papers to look into this and stand behind the man before he is railroaded, before the concept of tenure is allowed to be understood as something as frivolous as a guarantee of a certain level of salary, and before University of Nebraska becomes a joke to serious academics elsewhere in the world.

Charles Bush

Editor's Note: The story on Prof. Becker's termination was the lead story in the June 23 issue of the Gateway.

Dear Editor:

It's always good to see academia following the successes of the "real world", as outlined by Deborah Smith-Howell in the article "Communications Receives \$606,000 Gift" in the June 23, 1998 issue of the *Gateway*. As she accurately described, and as many past and present students can attest to, the quality and quantity of the student experience has needed improvement for quite some time. Digital advances in broadcast and print journalism have drastically altered the professional landscape; graduates without the hands-on training relevant to 1998, such as desktop publishing or digital photography, can often find themselves competing for entry level positions with community college graduates who focused on the "real world" applications.

As many former *Gateway* staff members (myself included) can tell you, working for the student newspaper provides the hands-on experience a communications practitioner needs. Consider this: The *Gateway* has been a fully desktop-published newspaper for almost a decade. Film negatives were being digitally scanned nearly five years ago, the same time the first digital camera was purchased. The *Gateway* web site has been on-line since 1995. Technology has provided the tools to allow students to experience nearly all aspects of the newspaper production cycle, not just writing and editing.

I encourage the communication department to improve the student experience by looking into what the "real world" has done. And I can think of no better place to start than at the *Gateway*.

Dave Manning
Denver, Colorado

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Mehendi: The Body Art From India



many people in the Omaha area have it successfully applied," Vogel said.

He also mentioned that Borders bookstore carries a few books that describe the process, which requires the mehendi design to set for up to 24 hours with constant application of lemon juice, black tea and sugar.

Mehendi designs generally last between one to four weeks, depending on where the design is located on the body and how long the henna-mixture paste was left to set. The less water, oils, soaps and rubbing, the longer the design will last.

There are also other non-permanent forms of body adornment that are decorating the skin.

Body jewels, including diamonds, rubies, and other shimmering gems are being applied to the face through Skin Flex body art. This kit, containing adhesive gems and a design booklet, has helped stars like Janet Jackson and Madonna, create a sparkling, new image in their music videos as they placed the jewels in the center of their forehead or in the corner of their eyes.

"The gems seem to be most popular among younger teens," said Jaime Pond,

store manager of Claire's Boutique in Crossroads Mall.

Glitter is another temporary form of body art that is being used to decorate the face as well as

touch their fresh piercing with their bare hands," said Meyer.

Micro-organisms, which can be picked up by handling anything from the remote control to a dirty dishes, are responsible for bacterial infections and possibly cysts.

In order to prevent these irritations, experts recommend daily cleanings with bactine, antibacterial soap, saline or hibiclens for most piercings, but Listerine antiseptic mouthwash for tongue, lip and cheek piercings.

Mehendi, also having ancient roots in Africa and the Middle East, is not as permanent as piercings. It is the ancient art of temporarily tattooing the skin with henna. These beautiful, intricate designs decorate the skin for weddings and other religious ceremonies in some cultures, and now that kits are available in some stores, almost anyone can be seen wearing mehendi body art.

Mehendi has different meanings in various cultures, although good health, fertility, wisdom and spiritual enlightenment are common themes.

"The process of mehendi is very long and complicated and I have yet to see

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the rest of their body.

"Me and my girlfriends like to wear body glitter when we go out to different dance clubs," said Jennifer Martin a sophomore at the University of Nebraska-Lincoln. "Most of the time, I'll put a small amount on my eyelids, like I would with eye liner. Otherwise, I'll use the glitter lotion, which gives my skin a shimmering look to it."

"Acceptability has grown especially through public figures in the fashion industry and in other larger spectrums of the media attention," Vogel said. "It seems like all those people who once frowned upon body ornamentation are now the very ones that are displaying it."

Indonesian Students' Pro-Reform Movement Should Continue, Habibie Says

AFP JAKARTA, (AFP) - President B.J. Habibie said Monday that Indonesia's student-led reform movement, which has at times targeted him, should continue.

"The struggle should be continued in a rational manner and with a good conscience," Habibie was shown on television telling mourning relatives who visited him at the state palace.

But in a meeting with the families of four students shot dead by police during a peaceful pro-reform protest last month, Habibie echoed military warnings that the struggle should not get out of hand.

The four students, all from Jakarta's Trisakti University, were shot and scores injured on May 12 when police and military tried to break up a peaceful march calling for reform.

Habibie also met the parents of a student who had been shot in the chest but survived and is still under treatment at a private hospital here.

The trial of 18 policemen implicated in the shootings is underway.

The May 12 killings inflamed student anger at the government of then-president Suharto and thousands of students occupied the national parliament until he stepped down May 21.

Their efforts to continue the sit-in until Habibie, too, was ousted were thwarted by marines who carted them out of the complex the following Saturday.

Habibie on Monday told the parents he considered the four students to be "national heroes" and suggested that Trisakti University authorities formally propose the titles to the state secretariat.

Leaders of the reform movement say they still largely favor the exit of Habibie so that they can ensure a clean sweep of Suharto cronies from top levels of government.

Habibie, who was vice president until handed the reins of power by Suharto, has pleaded for time, saying that changing undemocratic laws and holding elections cannot be completed until the end of 1999.

From NASA, page 1

NASA Keeps Low Profile at UNO

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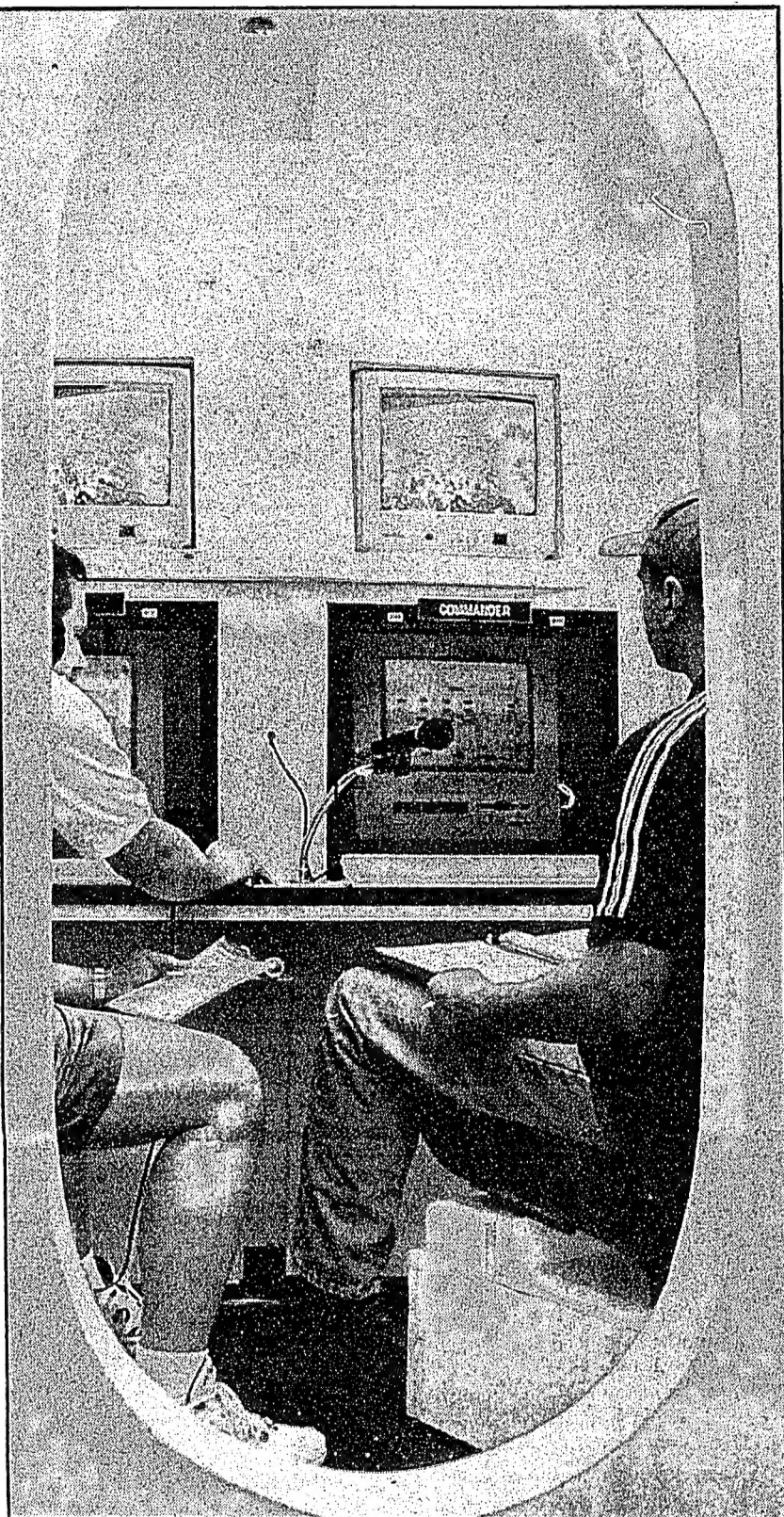
CASDE was created by the California Institute of Technology's Jet Propulsion Laboratory, also known as JPL. JPL, which is a NASA sponsored and federally funded research and development center, brought together a conglomeration of national laboratories and educational institutions. The UNO Office of Internet Studies (OIS) and University of Nebraska-Lincoln's Center for Advanced Land Management Information Technologies (UNL/CALMIT) are working together with JPL to develop CASDE.

"We recently received a \$207,000 grant from NASA," Dr. Neal Grandgenett, co-director of OIS said, "to help develop curriculum using space images for use in the classroom." The curriculum will be available via the Internet and CD-ROM in a format useful for creating lessons that coincide with teacher's existing lessons. Data and pictures gathered by satellite can be utilized in various ways.

One method, created by UNL/CALMIT for CASDE is a program called "Virtual Nebraska." "Virtual Nebraska" incorporates the use of pictures taken by satellite through the use of remote sensing. "Nebraska can be looked at in so many different ways. For instance, with infra-red photography or topographical images," Bob Pawloski, coordinator for the OIS office said. "We also have access to tools such as Data-Slate, an imaging tool that NASA uses to translate information they are getting. So we have access to the latest in technology." Furthermore, the information available through CASDE includes direct images of Mars and the Moon for students to analyze.

Pawloski further explained how the next step for OIS is to establish a solid base of curriculum for Nebraska and then to expand the program to include all of the United States. "Eventually people will be able to access this from anywhere. We are trying to share this with educators from all over the country. That is why it's going up on the web. CASDE is trying to make this easily understandable for teachers. Eventually teachers will learn to utilize the program through a graduate course and then be able to make it available to their students."

"We have had kids in here where we have done 'missions' where the children have connected to 'the real life space shuttle' and sent commands on what pictures they wanted and those would come back over the Internet," Pawloski said. Through a program called EarthKam, CASDE has the ability to connect to the shuttle when it



In the command module, Bob Pawloski, left, and son Cory Pawlowski run through the shuttle pilot's checklist to verify the computer simulation programs for the shuttle simulator are functioning properly.

goes up. EarthKam allows access to a powerful camera that can zoom in close enough to see cars on the road.

Grandgenett and Pawloski agree that their ultimate goal is to see children drawing on the things that real life scientists have access to.

"The whole mission of the Office of Internet Studies is to see how the Internet can be used in education, and this is ALL done by the Internet," Grandgenett said. "We are probably a national leader of the use of the Internet in the curriculum. This is what is helping us be that."

US Supreme Court Rules on Sexual Harassment by Teachers

WASHINGTON (CPS) - School districts cannot be held responsible for a teacher's sexual misconduct unless officials were aware of it and did little to stop it, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled Monday.

The 5-4 decision will make it more difficult for students at all levels of education to hold institutions responsible for their instructors' sexual advances.

Justice Sandra Day O'Connor, writing for the majority, set a tough standard for holding schools responsible for teachers' misconduct. Chief Justice William Rehnquist and Justices Antonin Scalia, Anthony Kennedy and Clarence Thomas joined her.

"The number of reported cases involving sexual harassment of students in schools confirms that harassment unfortunately is an all too common aspect of the educational experience," O'Connor wrote. "The issue in this case, however, is whether the independent misconduct of a teacher is attributable to the school district that employs him."

It is not, she continued, "unless an official who, at a minimum, has authority to address the alleged discrimination and to institute corrective measures ... has actual knowledge of discrimination and fails to adequately respond."

And that, the high court ruled, was not the case for officials of the Lago Vista Independent School district near Austin, Texas, where Frank Waldrop, a 52-year-old social studies teacher, had a year-long affair with a 15-year-old female student. There was no evidence that the girl's parents or any Lago Vista official knew of the affair until January 1993, when a police officer found Waldrop and the girl having sex in a wooded area.

The girl and her mother took Waldrop to state court, where he pleaded no contest to attempted sexual assault and lost his job. Mother and daughter then sued the school district under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, which prohibits sexual harassment and discrimination by institutions receiving federal aid. The two contended that the school district knew or should have known that Waldrop was capable of harassment because two other students had complained that he made sexually explicit comments to them in class.

"We're gratified by the Supreme Court's decision," said Anne Bryant, executive director of the National School Boards Association. "It is important not to divert financial resources from the public schools when the school district itself engaged in no wrongdoing."

But Marcia Greenberger, co-president of the National Women's Law Center, said the court's new legal standard has effectively "removed one of the most important remedies to sexual harassment in our schools."

Sandy Bernard, President of American Association of University Women, said the ruling "sends a dangerous message to students and parents ... It makes it too easy for school districts to absolve themselves of responsibility for sexual harassment of students under their watch."

Writing for the dissent, Justice John Paul Stevens - joined by Justices David Souter, Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Stephen Breyer - accused the majority of defying the purpose of the law by ranking "protection of the school district's purse above the protection of immature high school students."

Stevens wrote that the misconduct was "made possible only by Waldrop's affirmative misuse of his authority."

"As long as school boards can insulate themselves from knowledge about this sort of conduct, they can claim immunity from damages liability," Stevens added.

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Campus Comes Alive with Summer Camps

by Helen Evans
Staff Writer



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Former Mav basketball player, Mike Rives, tosses up a ball to start a game during the UNO Basketball Camp.

UNO is offering a series of summer camps hosted by individuals of various talents and trades from both on and off UNO's campus. The camps are designed to strengthen youth awareness of science, mathematics and sports, while providing them with various activities emphasizing responsibility, team-work, determination and the importance of education in achieving career goals.

Kids Fly High

A unique camp offered as part of this series is the UNO Aviation Institute Aerospace Camp, which began June 21. Denny Acheson, assistant professor at UNO and program coordinator, University of Nebraska-Kearney's Terry Gibbs, and Stuart MacTaggart, from the Nebraska Department of Aeronautics, have all devoted their entire adult lives to careers in aviation and aerospace. They have collaborated to make this camp a reality and 25 student volunteers have joined them.

The camp exposes students, ages 13-17, to career opportunities in aviation and aerospace. "Our goal is to attract students to this field in hopes that they will decide to pursue a college study program in this area," Acheson said.

Interest in the Skies Rise

"I like to think of it as a labor of love," Acheson said. In 1993, the program was first held locally at UNO and UNK. When the program was opened to the entire state in 1996, the enrollment rates dramatically increased.

Students enrolled in the program have only had a week or two to recover from the school year. "We wanted to create a program that does not overwhelm students with too many heavy life philosophies, especially as most of them view the summer as a time for a break,"

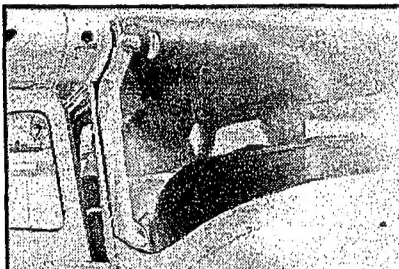


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Mike Siders, left, and Adam Main are shown here checking out the instruments in a trainer.

Acheson said.

Acheson said the main objective is to inform students about the career opportunities out there. "Many of these students don't realize that for every one or two pilots that fly these planes, there are over 100,000 workers involved that make it possible for these planes to fly," he said. "Hopefully some of them will be interested in pursuing careers in air traffic control, the military, airport management and other related fields."

Students wasted no time heading for the sky. June 22, pilots were scheduled to take to the air.

Field Trips

The four and a half day camp encompasses many other activities as well. Students will spend one day viewing United Airlines workers in action at Eppley Airfield.

A visit to the space shuttle simulation set up in UNO's College of Education will offer further learning opportunities.

The camp would not be complete without the 25 minute flight which will send them over parts of Nebraska including Lincoln, Crete and Seward.

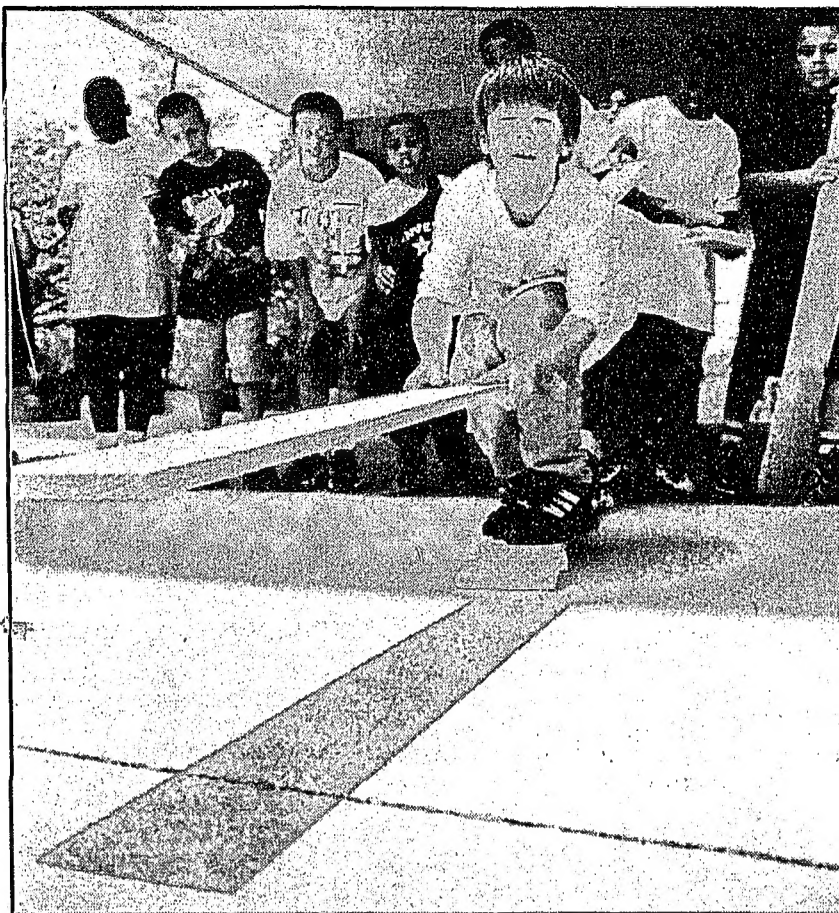


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Standy Lemika, center, balances on a board, hoping not to fall into the "river," during the "Totally Cool Math and Science Combo" camp for 4th - 6th graders.



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Highway Patrol Trooper Ron Rife conducts UNO Aerospace Careers Exploration (ACE) campers on a tour of highway patrol facilities. Here Rife shows mounted surveillance equipment on a patrol helicopter.



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Ryan Snyder demonstrating a blast off during Astronomy Camp for 6th-8th graders held June 22-26.

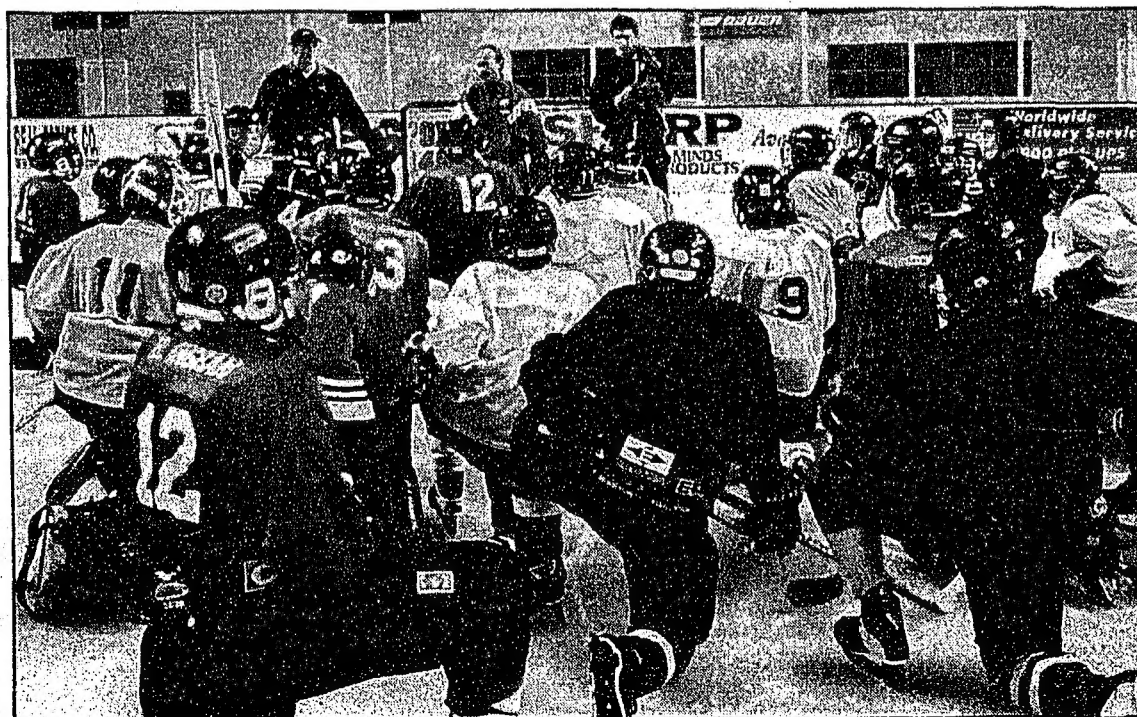


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From left facing the camera Mav hockey player Josh Lampman, Head Coach Mike Kemp, and player Ryan Bencurik address the Bantam group during the Mav Hockey Camp held June 22-26.

LIBERTY MEADOWS

By Frank Cho



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